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| **Region:** | Jackson |
| **Habitat Priority Area Name:** | Sage-Grouse Core Areas |
| **Habitat Area Type (s):** | **Aquatic  Terrestrial  Combined**  Sagebrush/grassland, riparian areas, and wet meadow. |
| **Habitat Values:** | Sage-grouse core areas. |
| **Reason Selected:** | Sage-grouse core areas designated by the Governor’s Office are described as those areas capable of maintaining habitats and viable populations of sage-grouse where they are most abundant. On a statewide basis, they include habitats and existing populations for at least two-thirds of the sage-grouse in Wyoming. |
| **Area Boundary Description:** | Boundaries of this area are the sage grouse core areas (version 3) as defined and mapped by the Governor’s Sage-grouse Implementation Team. This area includes portions of the Renner and Medicine Lodge Wildlife Habitat Management Areas. |
| **Focal species or species assemblage(s) (limit 6):**  **SWAP Tier 1 species:** | Mule deer, pronghorn, elk, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, and Brewer’s sparrow.  Sage-grouse, Common Loon, Bald Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Mountain Plover, Burrowing Owl, Great Gray Owl, Townsend's Big-eared Bat, Sturgeon Chub, Yellowstone Cutthroat |
| **Solutions or actions:** | Maintain the functionality and integrity of sage-grouse core areas. Seek opportunities for habitat enhancement, preservation and protection through partnerships and agreements with USFS, BLM, State Land Board and private landowners to maintain orthese areas. Possible actions include protecting and maintaining core area values through conservation easements, public/private land exchanges and federal land management agency management plans.  Habitat preservation and enhancement through management of WGFC property rights and implementation of existing management goals and objectives found in the Managed Land and Access Summaries for the WHMAs identified above. |
| **Additional Information:** | Many natural or human-caused impacts can impact or even eliminate the functionality of these habitat components. These include wildfire, livestock grazing, invasive plants, and energy development.  The core areas primarily reflect breeding habitats characterized by sagebrush communities associated with high lek densities. As better mapping efforts are completed, these areas may be adjusted to reflect other important habitat components. |
| **General land ownership and surface area:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Owner | Acres | | Bureau of Indian Affairs | 15,247 | | Bureau of Land Management | 1,114,621 | | Bureau of Reclamation | 13,514 | | Forest Service | 1,842 | | National Park Service | 111 | | Private | 487,636 | | State | 142,788 | | Water | 391 | | Total | 1,776,152 | |